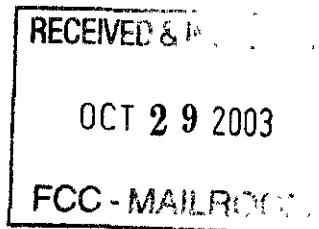


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I am writing to urge you to support retaining Morse code as a licensing requirement for Amateur Radio. Further, I hope you will support the FISTS Petition for Rule Making, currently listed on your web site. It makes a strong case for retaining a Morse code requirement, and offers intelligent compromises which I believe will strengthen the Amateur Radio service.

I became a no-code Technician in 1996. In May, 2001, I took a local Know-Code class, and passed the 5 WPM Morse code test, missing one letter. CW is a valuable mode that all amateurs should know. It is a universal language world-wide. It is energy and spectrum efficient. It should be retained as a licensing requirement.

Thank you.

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